

RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Purpose This Meteorology and Air Quality Group (MAQ) procedure describes the processes for submitting, receiving, maintaining, disposing of, and transferring RRES-MAQ records.

Scope This procedure applies to MAQ personnel who maintain, receive, store, create, dispose of, and transfer MAQ records.

In this procedure This procedure addresses the following major topics:

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Hazard Control Plan The hazard evaluation associated with this work is documented in HCP-MAQ-Office Work.

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General information about this procedure

Attachments This procedure has the following attachments:

Number	Attachment Title	No. of pages
1	Records Series Definition	1
2	Example of Records Filing Index	1
3	HSR-DO Records Center Transfer Request form	1

History of revision This table lists the revision history and effective dates of this procedure.

Revision	Date	Description Of Changes
0	10/11/95	New document; supersedes HS-9-RAEM-QP-03, R1, "HS-9 Radioactive Air Emissions Management Records Control Procedure."
1	10/7/96	Revised to reflect change to Microsoft Access and records storage changes.
2	6/24/97	Addition of new records management processes to ensure compliance with ESH Division Records Management Performance Plan, RD-012.000, April 21, 1997.
3	9/10/98	Addition of E-mail records process and change to use of ESH DO Records Center.
4	1/21/03	Revised to reflect organization changes for MAQ and to update new processes.

Who requires training to this procedure? The following personnel require training before implementing this procedure

- MAQ records coordinator
- MAQ personnel who generate and/or submit records

Training methods Training methods are:

- **records coordinator** -- on-the-job training by a previously trained individual
- **MAQ personnel** -- "self-study" (reading)

Training to this procedure is documented in accordance with the procedure for training (MAQ-024).

General information, continued

Definitions specific to this procedure

Document: Any written or pictorial information describing, defining, specifying, reporting, or certifying activities, requirements, procedures, or results. A document consists of the following elements: 1) a unique identifier, 2) date, and 3) document-specific contents.

E-Mail Record: Senders' or recipients' printed hard copy of an electronic mail message, including any attachments, that meets the definition of a record.

Inactive Record: A record that is no longer required to conduct group business, and is transferred to the records facility to be dispositioned.

Location code: Code for record storage location consisting of both cabinet (C) and drawer (D) indicators (e.g., C1D2).

Maintenance: The receipt, storage, use, retrieval, and disposition of records.

Non Record: Extra copies of documents kept only for reference, stocks of publications and library materials intended solely for reference.

Record: is any documentary material, regardless of physical form or characteristics, created or received by the group in connection with conducting business and used to preserve knowledge of events or facts relating to a program, process, system, or facility.

Record Disposition: the actions taken regarding records which are no longer required for current group business. These actions include transfer to group or other Laboratory storage facilities and disposal of temporary records.

Records Index: a register of all records maintained in a record repository.

General information, continued

Definitions (continued)

Record Retention: The record retention period is the amount of time that a record will be maintained within an operating entity's records management program in accordance with an approved schedule.

Record Series: Records that relate to a particular subject or function, result from the same activity, document a specific kind of transaction, take a particular physical form, or have some other relationship.

Record Type: A uniquely categorizable record within a record series (e.g., purchase request, personnel action form, etc.).

Transfer: The physical movement of records to group storage facilities or a LANL Records Center.

References

The following documents are referenced in this procedure:

- RRES-MAQ-024, "Personnel Training"
 - RRES-MAQ-026, "Deficiency Reporting and Correcting"
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Note

Actions specified within this procedure, unless preceded with "should" or "may," are to be considered mandatory guidance (i.e., "shall").

Creating a record series

Overview

The record series concept is a conventional way of grouping files or documents to permit their management as a group. The **records coordinator** regularly updates and evaluates the records series. When the **records coordinator** is contacted by the originator with a request for maintenance of a new series of records, the **records coordinator** completes a new record series form.

Steps to create a record series

To create a record series, a **records coordinator** performs the following steps:

Step	Action
1	Complete an Record Series Definition form (Attachment 1) for each record series identified.
2	Give the Record Series form to the originator for review, comment, and concurrence.
3	After the record originator concurs; accept the records for maintenance.
4	File the original Record Series form in the group records room.
5	Update the Records Filing Index (Attachment 3).

Submitting records

Overview

MAQ procedures specify documents to be submitted as records. Procedures also include instructions for transfer of records to the MAQ group storage facility (records room). Any group member may identify and submit additional records to the records management system.

E-mail messages as records

To be filed as records, e-mail messages and any attachments must be printed and filed as hard copy documents. Air quality personnel may forward hard copy or electronic versions of an e-mail record to the records coordinator along with instructions for maintenance (identified record series). The records coordinator will print a hard copy version of any electronically-forwarded e-mail record for filing. E-mail records must include the date and all pertinent header transmission data.

Steps to submit a record

To submit a record, a **record originator** (any group member) performs the following steps:

Step	Action
1	Ensure that the document meets the definition of a record.
2	Ensure that the document is dated.
3	Indicate what records series the record belongs to.
4	Give the record to a records coordinator for filing.

Receiving records

Overview

A **records coordinator** receives documents to be filed as records in the group records room and ensures that record filing and tracking information is complete.

The **records coordinator** will protect records from deterioration, damage, or loss by filing records in binders, cabinets, and/or shelves in the MAQ records storage facility.

MAQ records storage facility

MAQ has designated TA-00, Building 1308, Room 129 as the group records storage facility.

Steps to receive a record

To receive a record, a **records coordinator** performs the following steps:

Step	Action
1	Identify the record series that the document belongs to or determine if a new record series needs to be created. See the chapter <i>Creating a record series</i> of this procedure.
2	Check the record for completeness, as appropriate. If the record information is incomplete, return it to record originator for completion.
3	Determine the proper filing location by consulting the record originator, and/or the Records Filing Index (Attachment 2).
5	Place the record in the “To Be Filed Box” or file immediately.

Requesting and retrieving records

Overview	MAQ personnel may request records from the MAQ records room. A records coordinator identifies, locates, and retrieves the requested record(s) and completes a Records Placeholder Log (Attachment 2) to identify the record requester and inserts the log in the filing location in place of the record.
MAQ group members	Group members may directly retrieve records from the records room by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• completing a Records Placeholder Log (on top of file cabinets) to identify the record requester;• inserting the log in the filing location in place of the record.
Non-group member requests for records	Original records may not be removed from the group office by non-group personnel without written permission from the Group Leader. When written permission is granted, a records coordinator includes a copy of the permission with the Record Placeholder Log (Attachment 2) when the record is retrieved from the records room.
Requests for records during assessments	When an auditor requests a record from the records room during an assessment, a MAQ group member (usually the assigned “counterpart” for the auditor) must request and check out the record. A records coordinator retrieves the record and signs it out to the MAQ requester on the Record Placeholder Log. If an auditor wishes to retain the record, the counterpart has the record copied, gives the copy to the auditor, and returns the original record to the group records room.
Steps to retrieve a record	To retrieve a record, a records coordinator performs the following steps:

Step	Action
1	Find the record’s identification and location using the record criteria information provided by the requester.
2	Locate the record in the records room filing cabinet.
3	Complete a Record Placeholder Log (Attachment 2) by filling in the: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• name of the record requester,• initials of the records coordinator removing the record,• record name or number, and• date the record was taken.
4	Insert the Record Placeholder log in the record’s filing location.
5	Remove the record from its filing location.

Returning and re-filing records

Overview

When the **requester** returns the record to the records control center for re-filing, a **records coordinator** or the **record requester** returns the record to its proper filing location in a records room.

Steps to re-file a record

To re-file a record, a **records coordinator** or the **record requester** performs the following steps:

Step	Action
1	When the requester returns the record, return the record to its original filing location.
2	Remove and update the Record Placeholder Log (Attachment 2) and return it to its original storage location.

Assessing records

Overview

The **records coordinator** performs an assessment of the records management system annually. The assessment process includes checking records series completeness, verifying that transfer or disposal instructions have been followed, and checking if the filing system is accurate.

Steps to perform assessment

To take assessment of the records management system, the **records** coordinator performs the following steps:

Step	Action						
1	Obtain and make copies of the Records Filing Indexes (Attachment 3) from the records room files.						
2	Verify each record type listed on each Record Filing Index is present in the records room. Use the copies of the MAQ Records Filing Indexes as checklists. <table><tr><td>If all records series are...</td><td>Then...</td></tr><tr><td>Present</td><td>go to Step 6.</td></tr><tr><td>not present</td><td>go to Step 3.</td></tr></table>	If all records series are...	Then...	Present	go to Step 6.	not present	go to Step 3.
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not present	go to Step 3.						
3	Check Records Placeholder Logs and question the record originator regarding the location of any missing record series. <table><tr><td>If the missing record series is...</td><td>Then...</td></tr><tr><td>Located</td><td>go to Step 5.</td></tr><tr><td>not located</td><td>go to Step 4.</td></tr></table>	If the missing record series is...	Then...	Located	go to Step 5.	not located	go to Step 4.
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not located	go to Step 4.						
4	Write a deficiency report in accordance with procedure MAQ-026. Go to Step 6.						
5	Return the record series to the records room.						
6	If unidentified records are found in the records room during the records series check, contact the originator to determine whether to enter them into the records system or remove them from the records room.						
7	Check the Records Series form(s) to determine what records series should have been either disposed of or transferred.						

Assessing records, continued

Step	Action						
8	<p>Verify proper disposal or transfer of the records series listed on the Records Series form(s).</p> <table> <tr> <th>If the records series have...</th><th>then...</th></tr> <tr> <td>been properly disposed of or transferred</td><td>go to Step 10.</td></tr> <tr> <td>not been properly disposed of or transferred</td><td>go to Step 9.</td></tr> </table>	If the records series have...	then...	been properly disposed of or transferred	go to Step 10.	not been properly disposed of or transferred	go to Step 9.
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been properly disposed of or transferred	go to Step 10.						
not been properly disposed of or transferred	go to Step 9.						
9	Dispose of or transfer the records in accordance with the instructions on the MAQ Records Series Form (Attachment 1). Refer to the chapters <i>Disposing of records</i> and <i>Transferring records</i> of this procedure.						
10	Document the results of the assessment on the checklist copies of the Records Filing Indexes and Records Series form.						
11	Sign and date the assessment checklist copies of the MAQ Records Filing Indexes and Records Series form(s) and file them as records.						

Transferring records

Overview

Inactive records, which are records no longer required to conduct group business, are transferred to the HSR DO Records Center for storage. A **records coordinator** transfers a records series according to the Records Schedule on the Information and Records Management Record Series form.

Steps to transfer a records series

To transfer a records series, a **records coordinator** performs the following steps:

Step	Action
1	Check the Records Schedule (on the MAQ Record Series form) to identify a Records Series whose transfer date has arrived.
2	Contact the record originator of the identified record series to obtain transfer concurrence or other instructions.
3	Prepare the records for transfer following the HSR DO Records Center transfer instructions.
4	Using the information from the MAQ Records Series form, pack the records in Laboratory-approved packing boxes according to cut-off instructions.
5	Prepare an HSR DO Records Transfer Request form (Attachment 3) to accompany the Records Series.
6	Contact the HSR DO Records Center and request a records delivery date and any further instructions.

Destruction of records

Overview

After their retention period has expired, temporary records (those that will not go to records center or archives) are prepared for destruction. A **records coordinator** prepares records to be disposed of in accordance with the retention schedule found on the Record Series Inventory Form.

Steps to dispose of a records series

To dispose of a records series, a **records coordinator** performs the following steps:

Step	Action						
1	<p>When the record series disposal date has arrived, contact the record originator of the identified record series for disposal or destruction approval.</p> <table> <tr> <th>If the record owner...</th><th>then...</th></tr> <tr> <td>approves</td><td>continue with Step 2.</td></tr> <tr> <td>disapproves</td><td>contact the records coordinator to arrange for the transfer or maintenance of the record series.</td></tr> </table>	If the record owner...	then...	approves	continue with Step 2.	disapproves	contact the records coordinator to arrange for the transfer or maintenance of the record series.
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disapproves	contact the records coordinator to arrange for the transfer or maintenance of the record series.						
2	Contact the HSR DO Records Center for destruction approval.						
3	With the approval of HSR DO and the record originator, choose the appropriate destruction method.						
4	Dispose of the record series using the chosen destruction method.						

Records resulting from this procedure

Records

The following records, generated as a result of this procedure, are to be submitted to the records coordinator within 2 weeks of generation or completion:

- Record Series Definition form (attachment 1)
- HSR DO Records Center Transfer Request form (Attachment 3)
- Assessment checklist copies of the MAQ Records Filing Indexes and Records Series forms

Meteorology and Air Quality Group
Records Series Definition

This form is from MAQ-025

Records Series title:

Project:

Records Series description:

Transfer or disposition instructions:

Form completed by:

Signature

Name (print)

Date

EXAMPLE OF MAQ RECORDS FILING INDEX

Cabinet 1 Administration

Drawer 1 Planning & Program Development
Drawer 2 Budget
Drawer 4 Time and Effort
Drawer 5 Training

Cabinet 2 Regulatory Compliance

Drawer 1 Audits/Assessments
Drawer 2 FFCA
Drawer 3 NMAC/AQCR Regulations
Drawer 4 CFR Regulations
Drawer 5 Operating Permit Records

Cabinet 3 Quality Assurance Procedures

Drawer 1 RRES-MAQ Procedures
Drawer 2-5 Laboratory procedures

Cabinet 4 NRRES-MAQAPs Records

Drawer 1-5

Cabinet 5 Acid Rain Data

Cabinet 1-5

Cabinet 6 AIRNET Records

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This form is from MAQ-025

Records Series title:

Project:

Records Series description:

Transfer or disposition instructions:

Form completed by:

Signature

Name (print)

Date